

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

With the cable industry already locked up in the grip of eight companies, diversity is already considerably stifled. To allow even fewer players in the market to control more of the media would be to horribly exacerbate a situation that clearly smacks of monopoly, if not in legal terms, then in every other sense of the word.